

**Environmental Commission Meeting  
February 3, 2016**

**The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairperson Dave Colteryahn**

**In Attendance**

Dave Colteryahn, chair  
Greg LoBuono, vice-chair  
Veronica Craig  
Becky Montag  
Tom Nault  
Rita Rings  
Gwen Ritchie  
Bob Schappacher, Parks and Recreation Representative

**Absent**

No absences  
Two positions remain open following resignations.

**Public Works Director**

Bob introduced David Butsch, the City of Fairfield Public Works Director. Dave stated that there was no volunteer role for street trees. He is interested in i-Tree as the tool for an inventory. Public Works staff conducts safety pruning not thinning. Ash trees are removed as problems are identified. He does not know whether the Fairfield Board of Education has a plan for street trees. Dave suggested the possibility of Arbor Day plantings at schools.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for the January 6th, 2016 meeting were approved as submitted.

**Standing Business**

**Correspondence/Articles**

Rita mentioned that the [monarchjointventure.org](http://monarchjointventure.org) website identified the types of milkweed that benefit monarch butterflies. She also mentioned the Great Tree Summit 2016 sponsored by Taking Root and being held at the Cincinnati Zoo.

Dave presented an article about plastic pollution in the ocean. The article forecast that by 2050 the total amount of plastic in the ocean will weigh more than the total weight of the fish in the ocean.

**Hours Spent on EC Activities**

Dave/1, Becky/0, Greg/1, Tom/4, Roni/1, Gwen/1, and Rita/4.

**Adopt-A-Roadway**

Rita twice cleaned up Muskopf.

**Parks Board Report—Bob Schappacher**

The January meeting was a major review of fees and charges. A new farmers' market will be held around the Village Green Wednesday evenings April 20th to October 19th.

**Parks Department Report—Bob Schappacher**

Bob passed out the Butler Soil & Water Conservation District's 2016 tree order form. Potential selections as Arbor Day seedlings mentioned were redbud, serviceberry, bur oak, and tulip poplar.

The Tree City USA awards luncheon is scheduled for Friday, April 22nd in West Carrollton.

The Honor Grove letter will be reviewed at the March EC meeting.

The Home Expo planning will be a major focus of the April EC meeting.

Environmental Commission terms for Becky, Gwen, and Tom are expiring. Becky is retiring and Gwen and Tom have applied for re-appointment.

**Commissioner Reports**

There were no new nominees for the Friends of Fairfield Forest award.

**Other Business**

Tom will contact Kroger to see whether they would donate 500 reusable shopping bags for distribution at the EC booth during the Home Expo.

**Calendar**

Parks Board Meeting—Tuesday February 16th, 2016 at 6:00 pm @ CAC

EC Meeting—March 2nd, 2016 at 6:00 pm @ CAC

TCA Senior Class—February 29th, 2016 at 9:00 am in Hamilton

TCA Graduation—March 14th, 2016 in Hamilton

Graduates at 10:00 am; Invited Dignitaries at 11:30 am

Tree City USA Awards Luncheon—Friday April 22nd, 2016 City of West Carrollton

Fairfield Home Improvement Expo—May 14th, 2016 @ CAC

**Programs**

Let's Go Hiking—February 20th at Harbin Park 10:30 am to noon (FREE)

**The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm**